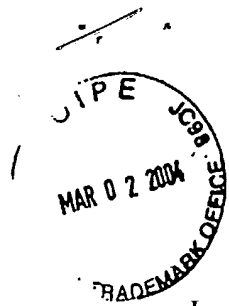


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Amendment and Response

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In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Response.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 5.

Amendment to the Drawings are described on page 14

Remarks begin on page 15.

Appendix begins after page 21 of the Remarks and includes replacement drawing sheets.

It is believed that no fees are due. However, authorization is also hereby granted to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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